

My name is Andy wallace and I live here in Clarksburg. I am the third generation and my kids are the 4th generation of Wallaces to live in Clarksburg. By Clarksburg standards, that makes us newcomers.

Procedural Comments

1. It is important to the people of Clarksburg, and the people who are interested in the project from around the state, to keep our comments in the record in their entirety, and not reduce our individual comments into general or combined comments.

2. The documented and undocumented impacts of this plan directly and indirectly affect the people of Clarksburg, yet the people of Clarksburg carry the burdens, but get none of the benefits of this project.

3. This admirable goal or "fixing the delta" is meaningless if, at the end of the day, it ends up creating just enough smelt to keep transferring more water to Southern California. There is nothing "co-equal" in California water politics, the delta and ITS people are always going to come last.

4. The nature and character of the delta today is recognized as valuable in this document, yet our re-development interests are specifically rejected by this document, replaced with the unbridled growth of Southern California. This is an arbitrary and capricious attempt to shift the burden of development on the very people who are themselves not able to develop.

Technical Issues

1. Tidal marsh wetlands have significant odor problems, as anyone who has driven by one knows, which create objectionable and nuisance odors for the community. How will these be mitigated?

2. By improving habitat for delta smelt, other listed species could begin using the area, and potentially be creating new legal issues for the community, further reducing our ability to exercise our property rights. How will the community be protected from the consequences of this likely impact? Consider this a request for a Clarksburg Safe Harbor Agreement.

3. If West Nile Virus increases in this area, it is expected to have significant impacts on native birds. How are these impacts analyzed and mitigated for?

4. Water transfer should be delinked from this process and the health of the watershed should be the primary focus of these efforts. Let's prove that the species that use the delta can be managed sustainably, over droughts, before we begin discussing water transfer.

5. Converting freshwater habitat to brackish water habitat will have negative influences on the ecosystems that have adapted to the upper delta, leaving this area as one of the last reservoirs of species, such as listed turtles and birds. Now the state wants to reduce their habitat for a fish that is largely limited by Southern California's water intakes? The sole purpose of this document is an attempt to commingle the issues of habitat restoration and water supply.

6. Loss of farmland in the delta will have ripple effects with ag equipment suppliers, truck dealers, seed suppliers, etc., where good paying stable jobs will be directly impacted and lost. How will this plan mitigate for the losses of those jobs?

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